

At the same meeting, after consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council:²²

"The members of the Security Council have noted with appreciation the report submitted by the Secretary-General²³ in conformity with Security Council resolution 587 (1986) requesting him to take any further measures needed to enhance the security of the men of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and to make the necessary arrangements for a deployment of the Force to the southern border of Lebanon.

"They express their gravest concern that the basic objectives of Council resolution 425 (1978) have not yet been achieved.

"The members of the Council take note of the consultations initiated by the Secretary-General with the parties concerned and others with a view to the implementation of the mandate of the Force. While they regret that the consultations aimed at implementing resolution 425 (1978) have thus far failed to yield practical results, the members of the Council request the Secretary-General actively to pursue his contacts.

"They note the new security measures decided upon since the adoption of the resolution. They request the Secretary-General to suggest any other steps he may deem necessary for increased security in connection with the movements of the Force indispensable for the fulfilment of its mandate. They approve the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General in his report and his intention to seek the approval of the General Assembly for necessary budgetary appropriation. In that connection, they call on all countries to assume their financial responsibilities towards the Force and on the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to expedite the reimbursement of the advances of funds made by the contributing countries.

"They note with interest the instructions given by the Secretary-General to the Commander of the Force to keep under continuous review all the possibilities of varying the size and deployment of contingents if that would strengthen their security without jeopardizing the effectiveness of the Force. They request the Secretary-General to study these possibilities in consultation with the contributing countries and to put appropriate measures into effect.

"In that regard, they have noted with satisfaction the intention expressed by the Lebanese authorities to deploy a regular unit of their army in the zone of the Force to work in close liaison with it in accordance with the provisions of resolution 425 (1978).

"Once again, the members of the Security Council urge all the parties concerned to give full support to the Force in the fulfilment of its mandate and also call for an end to any military presence in southern Lebanon which is not accepted by the Lebanese authorities. They call on the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to secure the full and effective implementation of resolution 425 (1978)."

At its 2722nd meeting, on 26 November 1986, the Council proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/18453)".²¹

Resolution 590 (1986)

of 26 November 1986

The Security Council.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,²⁴

Decides:

(a) To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately Security Council resolution 338 (1973);

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until 31 May 1987;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit, at the end of this period, a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973).

Adopted unanimously at the 2722nd meeting.

Decisions

At the same meeting, following the adoption of resolution 590 (1986), the President made the following statement:²⁵

"In connection with the resolution just adopted on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force²⁴ states, in paragraph 24: "Despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector, the situation in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so, unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached." That statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

On 2 December 1986, following consultations, the President issued the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:²⁶

"The members of the Security Council, mindful of the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity

²² S/18439.

²³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-first Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1986*, document S/18396.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, document S/18453.

²⁵ S/18487.

²⁶ S/18492.